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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2005–06 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2880**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Lieu  
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Laird and Saldana)**

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An act to add Section 40520 to the Public Resources Code, relating to air quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2880, as amended, Lieu. California Integrated Waste Management Board: green buildings.

Existing law creates the California Integrated Waste Management Board in the California Environmental Protection Agency. Existing law, the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, establishes a comprehensive program implemented by the board and local agencies to reduce, recycle, and reuse solid waste generated in the state in an efficient and cost-effective manner to conserve water, energy and other natural resources, and to protect the environment, among other purposes.

This bill would require the board, in consultation with the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission and other relevant state agencies, to ~~gather, analyze, and~~ make available to the public, in part through ~~an~~ *the board's* Internet Web site, public resources about green buildings, as defined. This bill would require the board to establish an advisory committee, as specified, and seek

the advice of the advisory committee in developing, maintaining, and updating the Internet Web site, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 40520 is added to the Public Resources  
2 Code, to read:

3 40520. (a) The board, in consultation with the State Energy  
4 Resources Conservation and Development Commission and  
5 other relevant state agencies, shall ~~gather, analyze, and~~ make  
6 available to the public, resources about green buildings,  
7 including, but not limited to, the following:

8 (1) Information on practitioners and suppliers in the green  
9 building industry.

10 (2) Information on rebates, tax credits, and other incentives for  
11 green buildings.

12 (3) Educational brochures, booklets, handbooks, and other  
13 offerings on green buildings.

14 (4) Information about green building organizations.

15 (5) Model ordinances that deal with green buildings.

16 (6) All general information about green buildings that would  
17 be useful to the public.

18 (b) By January 1, 2008, the board shall make the information  
19 under subdivision (a) available ~~on an easy to use, easily~~  
20 ~~accessible~~ *the board's* Internet Web site.

21 (1) To the extent technologically and economically feasible,  
22 the Internet Web site shall allow users to search for green  
23 building resources by building type, by entering a city name or  
24 zip code.

25 (2) The board shall promote the Internet Web site using  
26 advertising, public service announcements, flyers for use by local  
27 agencies, Internet Web links, and other means.

28 (c) (1) The board shall establish an advisory committee to  
29 help the board ensure that the resources listed on the Internet  
30 Web site are credible and valid green building resources.

31 (2) The board shall consult with the advisory committee in  
32 developing the Internet Web site. On or before January 1, 2009,

1 and annually thereafter, the board shall consult with the advisory  
2 committee to evaluate and update the Internet Web site.

3 (3) The advisory committee shall include qualified and  
4 experienced representatives of *the League of California Cities,*  
5 *the California State Association of Counties,* recognized green  
6 building organizations, ~~local government,~~ recognized  
7 environmental advocacy groups, and the architecture and home  
8 building industry groups that have established interests in the  
9 field of green buildings. To the extent feasible, the advisory  
10 committee shall include expertise in each of the principal  
11 building types or industry sectors, including, but not limited to,  
12 the commercial, residential, educational, and institutional sectors,  
13 for which resources are listed.

14 (4) Members of the advisory committee shall be selected  
15 based on their experience, qualifications, and industry-specific  
16 references.

17 (d) As used in this section, “green building” means ~~a structure~~  
18 ~~that is designed, built, renovated, operated, or reused in an~~  
19 ~~ecological and resource efficient manner.~~ *a project designed to*  
20 *reduce both direct and indirect environmental consequences*  
21 *associated with its construction, use, operation, maintenance,*  
22 *and eventual decommissioning, the design of which is evaluated*  
23 *for cost, quality-of-life impacts, future flexibility, ease of*  
24 *maintenance, energy and resource efficiency, and overall*  
25 *environmental impact, with an emphasis on life cycle cost*  
26 *analysis.*